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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of May 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 18 and 26 to read as follows:1

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18. (Amended) A network control system comprising:

a computer network;

a plurality of image forming apparatuses connected to said computer network, each image forming apparatus configured to record an image on a recording paper;

a server connected to said computer network and configured to store a graphic layout of an operation panel of all of the plurality of image forming apparatuses connected to said

¹A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached hereto.